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My dear Mr Chapman,

The preparation of a parcel for Boston which ^{was} only despatched this afternoon, has curtailed our time for getting ready the one for Paris which must go to-morrow. We have, however, contrived I hope to collect & copy the Anti-Slavery documents &c. which will most interest you. The Resolutions & the Report of the meeting at which they were passed my Father I believe told you about in his letter of last Friday; the Address, of which you will find a copy, is on its way to Mr May for presentation at the New England Convention in June. Mr Webb described an article Miss C. Weston wished to have in an A. S. Standard, which I hope I have succeeded in finding. It does not exactly answer to his description as he termed it a translation of yours from Lamartine, but it is the only thing of the kind I can discover from your pen in the 3 months to which he refers me. The letter

from Mr^s Massie to my Father we thought
worth sending you, to prove that there
are some people in England besides
those immediately connected with your
Society, who are dissatisfied with the useful
or even obstructive character of the B. & F. ^{Foreign}
A. S. Society. This lady is the wife of a Dr^r
Massie, "Secretary to the Board of British
Missions," connected we imagine with
the Evangelical Dissenters, & who w^d be
likely on that account to have what my
Father terms "the traditional horror" of the
Society in which Mr^s Garrison's name is promi-
nent. She applied for a contribution to
a ~~Society~~ ^{Fund} for aiding slaves to escape, which
my Father did not like to subscribe to until
he had ascertained of our Mr^s May that the
influence was in a right direction. He has
written very fully to her since receiving this
letter but has had no reply, & I fear the cor-
respondence will not be continued.

If you see the "Times" newspaper, you will
perceive that an opening ^{has occurred} for enlightening
the English public on the subject of the
treatment of free colored people in the
Southern States; but in case you may not

have access to the English papers, I will give
you the substance of what my Father has
been to-day writing to your sister Miss A. W.
Weston (who was kind enough to send him
a few lines with the annual package of
reports &c). The Captain of a vessel was sued
by his coloured Steward for two months
wages, which were refused him by the court
on the ground that the money was paid
in gaol fees during the man's detention
in the Charleston prison. This case was
heard at the Thames Police office before
a Mr Gardley, who expressed his ignorance
of any law by which the man, without
committing any offence, could be placed
in prison, & he scarcely credited the assertion
of Bower (the coloured man) until the Captain
(named Waddington) confirmed it. The
magistrate at length said it was a case for
Lord Palmerston, & ~~it~~ it was to be
brought forward at a later day. The Editor
of the Times has a leading article on the
subject, but seems as uninformed as Mr
Gardley respecting the regulations of the

Southern States, & no reference is made
by any party to the far greater atrocity
which may be committed on a British
subject if the fees ^{be} ~~were~~ not paid for his
imprisonment. My Father has written
to both the Editor and the magistrate,
explaining to them the liability of
these unfortunate captives to be sold
into perpetual bondage, & informed them
that notwithstanding their ignorance
of the subject, W. W. L. Garrison had
in 1846 brought the matter forward at
various public meetings in the City
of this country to endeavour to call the
attention of the English Government
to this anomalous relation of two countries
in amity with each other. There will pro-
bably be many other addresses of a similar
nature to these parties, & it may have the
effect of awakening public notice & curi-
osity, & thus causing the whole system of
atrocity of which this is one small fraction
to be more examined into & realized. The
case was reported in the Times of Friday Apr.

The Editorial Comments ^{appeared} on the following
day (Sat: 27) There may be some further
notices this week.

We are longing to hear your reply to my
Father's question respecting your summer
movements, - at least - I am, for my
heart has been set on procuring the
gratification of a personal acquaintance
with you, ever since you reached our
quarter of the Globe. If we had known
the time of your arriving in Liverpool
I don't think we should have been behind
our friend Mr Webb in alacrity to give
you a personal welcome, certainly not
if inclination alone could have been
consulted. But I trust, nothing will prevent
our meeting during this summer. We have
been brought unusually close to our American
Anti-Slavery friends of late, by the communi-
cations from them, the events occurring
here, W. W. Brown's visit &c., and there

is I think ^{other} no intercourse in which we
find so much pleasure, tho' we have
many bonds of sympathy with those near
home. We have been much interested
in Mr Wendell Phillips's powerful
reply to ^{or comments on} Mr D. Webster's dreadful speech,
& my Father has just been delighting
himself with the perusal of the Mass. ^{church}
Am. Report, to which I am looking forward
with some eagerness. There is something
to us peculiarly pointed & convincing
in Mr Col. Quincy's writing; I wish he &
Miss A. W. Weston were as much with us
reached as yourselves, not to mention
Mr W. Phillips & many others. It grieves
us much to learn that Mrs. Follen has
been such a sufferer; I trust your report
of her will be more favorable than Miss
Cabot's last, to Mrs. H. Thomas. It was a
sad disappointment to me to miss seeing
her last Autumn. She was among my
friends long before I knew her as a

Friend of the Slave, for her "Well spent
hour," & "Sceptic," & ~~then~~ ^{still more} her "Married Life"
had awakened no ordinary affection
for the writer, & then came her beautiful
Memoir of Dr. Follen which guided &
stimulated us in our Anti Slavery
Studies.

I must put up ~~with~~ the parcel, however
instead of writing my sentiments to
you, but you see how much at home
I cannot help feeling already with you,
several times since you came to Europe
something has made me wish much to
write to you, but there never seemed
sufficient object for troubling you.

Please to present our kind regards to
all your circle who will accept them, &
receive them yourself, I believe me ever

Very sincerely yours
Mary Estlin.

May 1st. We have been allowed a day longer
than we were prepared for for the parcel which

enabled us to enclose an additional letter
from Mr Webb, & to tell you that the question
respecting Powers had been asked. Lord Palmerston
in Parliament, who could only explain that
such was the American law, & regret the fact.

Mr Webb, it seems, thought he had sent you
the copy of that letter of Mr Mason's which he
returned to us, & which I have enclosed. There are
some letters just arrived from F. Douglass &
his ally Miss J. Griffiths to a lady here, appealing
for continued subscriptions to the "North
Star" & contributions to the Bazaar at Rochester
in aid of it. They however write cheerfully &
earnestly; & must be useful to see the colored
people standing up & proving their own title
to the privileges they claim, as the colored ladies
of New York, & Douglass himself are doing; so we
will not grudge the small diversion of energy
here from what we deem the most important
channel of action.